

REMARKS

A. Period For Reply

This Preliminary Amendment is part of a continuation application that is being filed after payment of the issue fee in the parent case and prior to issuance of the parent case.

B. Status

This is a Preliminary Amendment.

C. Disposition of Claims

Claims 21-36 are pending in this application.

D. Application Papers

This filing includes formal drawings.

E. Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

This case claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/452,656 filed December 1, 1999. This case does not claim foreign priority.

F. Attachments

Three PTO-1449 forms are enclosed. Form 1 of 3 lists those references filed in the parent case by applicants. Form 2 of 3 and 3 of 3 list those references cited in the parent case by the Patent Office.

G. Basis for amendments to claims

The claims of the parent case have been allowed. This claims of the parent case are similar, if not identical, to the claims of the present case, except that limitations relating to "breast," "anatomical," "mandrel," and "patch" have been removed.

Basis for the removal of the first two noted limitations is found at least on 1) on page 2, lines 3-4, 2) page 3, lines 24-

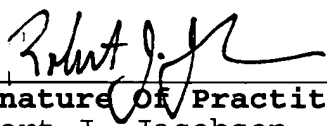
30, 3) page 4, lines 10-12, 4) page 4, lines 16-19, 5) the paragraph bridging pages 4-5, and 6) page 12, line 1.

H. Summary

Examination of this case would be appreciated.

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